



Ocotillo Weekly Update

A newsletter for the residents of Glendale's Ocotillo District



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IMPORTANT!

Ocotillo Weekly Update. The City of Glendale is updating the software system used to send this newsletter, the Ocotillo Weekly Update, and any other Glendale Bulletins you may receive. To continue receiving Glendale Bulletins, you must re-register by visiting the following website: <http://www.glendaleaz.com/bulletins/subscribe.cfm>. Just follow the simple instructions to create an account and choose the bulletins you would like to receive.

We are confident the upgrade will result in Glendale bulletins being much more user-friendly!

Spring FEST 2012 – Tomorrow! The third annual Spring FEST will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 2-6 p.m., at Isaac Imes Elementary School, 6625 N. 56th Avenue. Entertainment includes Andy Gonzales, the Latino Rebel Band, Zig-Ricky Martinez and Benny Banda & Connie Morado. The whole family will enjoy jumpys, the Easter Bunny & an Easter Eggstravaganza, raffles, give-aways and 22,000 pounds of free produce and ice cream! This is a free event.

Glendale Community Center Health & Information Fair. The Community Center will host agencies from across the West Valley. Representatives from these agencies will provide the latest information on Health and Wellness, Educational Opportunities, Public Safety and more. The Glendale Fire Department will also provide a FREE Baby Shot Clinic; to participate, please bring your child's immunization cards. For more information or special accommodations, call (623)-930-4700.



Restoration of Historic Site Preserves City's Heritage. Glendale's Adobe House and service station will be renovated to look like it once did in its earlier days, providing lasting evidence of Glendale's heritage and history.

The two buildings, located at Grand and Myrtle avenues, are part of a renovation project funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Interior. The city has been restoring this area, known as the Myrtle Avenue Cultural Gateway Historic Entryway, since 2006. This most recent update involves exterior and interior restoration of both the service station and Adobe house, including roof repair and Adobe protection and fresh exterior paint. The project will be completed June 2012.

The adobe house was built in 1936 by Ed and Bessie Morcomb who actually used earth from the site for the bricks. The corner was known for decades to thousands of local residents as the Morcomb family-owned and operated service station and later as an auto and farm equipment repair shop until 2003.

Visitors and residents are welcome to visit the Myrtle Avenue Cultural Gateway, which has also become a popular stop on various historic preservation tours. For more information on this project and historical facts about Glendale, visit www.glendaleaz.com/historicpreservation.

Helpful Park Users Getting "Caught!" Pick up litter in a Glendale park, get a free Sonic drink! Caring visitors in Glendale parks who are caught helping to keep the parks clean and safe are now being acknowledged through the "You Got Caught" program.

The program provides park users doing something special in a Glendale park such as cleaning up litter, picking up after animals, providing assistance to someone in need, calling in problems in the park or alerting staff of graffiti or other nuisances a small token of appreciation. Park staff noticing these individuals at Glendale's parks will approach the helpful person and give them a "You Got Caught" card. Currently, the card features a free drink courtesy of Sonic Glendale locations.

To report concerns or issues in a Glendale park, please call 623-930-2691 or email parkconcerns@glendaleaz.com.

Keep Our Neighborhoods Clean! Recent rains have left many residential and commercial property owners with the challenge and chore of getting rid of weeds and overgrown grass. Not only do overgrown weeds and grass pose a fire risk, but they can also result in code violations and cause blight in neighborhoods. The Glendale Code Compliance Department is encouraging residents to take steps now to control weeds and grass before they become a problem.

To help residents and business owners win the battle against weeds, Code Compliance officials are providing the following helpful hints:

- Keep grass and weeds cut and trimmed in your yard and adjacent right-of-way so they do not exceed six (6) inches in height
- Dig out already emerged weeds early before they get out of control
- Use herbicide (commercial grade or homemade non-toxic versions) on large weed areas, but be sure to keep it away from other vegetation
- Apply pre-emergent weed killers twice a year (fall and late winter before major rains is best)
- Stay on top of it! A little weeding twice a week will help you avoid a big job down the road
- Learn more lawn maintenance and care by checking out materials from the Glendale Public Library

Uncut weeds can attract insects such as mosquitoes, while dead and dry weeds can present potential fire hazards. Residents can help keep neighborhoods safe and clean by maintaining their properties and reporting overgrown weeds or grass in their neighborhoods. Potential violations and requests for additional information about City of Glendale property maintenance standards can be directed to www.glendaleaz.com/codecompliance or 623-930-3610.

Around Town

TEMPORARY PARK CLOSURE. Clavelito Park will be closed from April 16-May 21 for turf improvements. For more information, call 623-930-2820.

Green Festival – March 31. Join us for Glendale's Annual Green Festival from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 31 for free energy saving devices, classes, industry experts from over 30 agencies and businesses and a free Family Zone. The event will be held at the Glendale Main Library and Xeriscape Garden, 5959 W. Brown Street. [Click here](#) for more information.

20th Annual Glendale Jazz & Blues Festival – April 14-15. The city of Glendale's 29th Annual Jazz & Blues Festival will feature a tremendous lineup of local, regional and national entertainment in Historic Downtown Glendale April 14-15.

The city of Glendale's Jazz & Blues Festival is not just about music, as the event will also feature fine artists working on-site, craft artisans and delicious food and beverages.

The event will run noon to 10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 and noon to 6 p.m. on Sunday, April 15. Admission is free. Historic Downtown Glendale is located at 58th and Glendale avenues. For more information, call the city of Glendale special event hotline at 623-930-2299 or visit www.glendaleaz.com/events.

Shred It and Forget It - April 21. Bring old bills, medical records, bank statements and other documents with personal information to one of two free upcoming shredding events in Glendale on April 21, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. (or until the trucks are full). Events are at Cabela's, 9380 W. Glendale Ave. and the Dairy Queen Shopping Center at 6768 W. Deer Valley Road. For more information call 623-930-4044.

A Day at Manistee Ranch. The Glendale Civic Pride Ambassador Foundation, with the volunteer assistance of the Glendale Civic Pride Ambassadors, will host "A Day at Manistee Ranch," an old-fashioned day of family fun on April 28, 2012, as a fundraiser for the Glendale, Arizona Historical Society. This event has something to appeal to guests of all ages! Country singers, an antique car show, vintage tractors, children's games, and a petting zoo will add to the fun on the grounds of Manistee Ranch. In addition, self-guided tours of the Ranch House and raffle drawings will be held. There will also be appearances by staff from the Wildlife World Zoo and Fallen Feathers Bird Rescue.

The event will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Manistee Ranch located at 5127 W. Northern Ave. Admission is \$5 per individual or \$10 per family. Parking is free, with entrance off of 51st Avenue.

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